

March 26, 2020

**INTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Republican Members of the Committee on Homeland Security  
**FROM:** Republican Committee Staff  
**SUBJECT:** DHS Related Matters in H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act

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H.R. 748, the CARES Act includes the following homeland security related matters:

**Supplemental Appropriations**

- \$45 billion to FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to support the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak, as well as current and future declared disasters.
- \$400 million in FEMA Federal Assistance Grants, including –
  - \$100 million in Assistance to Firefighter Grants;
  - \$100 million in Emergency Management Performance Grants; and
  - \$200 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.
- \$289 million available to CBP, ICE, and other agencies (via transfer from HHS) to provide medical treatment to migrants and detainees diagnosed with COVID-19.
- \$178 million to acquire and distribute personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.) to frontline workers department wide.
- \$100 million for the TSA for overtime, screening materials, and enhanced cleaning and sanitizing at airport checkpoints.
- \$141 million for the Coast Guard to support the mobilization of 1,000 reservists and to improve emergency response communications.
- \$45 million for FEMA for enhanced cleaning and sanitizing at FEMA headquarters and to support field communications.
- \$9.1 million for CISA to support interagency critical infrastructure coordination.

**Authorizing Provisions**

- Authorizes DHS doctors and contract medical staff to treat patients in states where they are not licensed during times of emergency.

- Authorizes FEMA to pay overtime and premium pay to federal employees responding to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Authorizes CWMD to seek reimbursement from HHS for its expenses related to screening airline passengers for COVID-19.
- Extends the authority of the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program through July 23, 2020. The program's authority was set to terminate on April 17, 2020.
- Extends the deadline for REAL-ID compliance through September 30, 2021. The current compliance date is October 1, 2020. However, on March 26, 2020, Acting Secretary Wolf announced that he would use his existing authority under the REAL-ID Act to extend the deadline through September 30, 2021 rather than rely on the authority in the CARES Act.